

# Lesson 23

## Words To Learn This Week

reptile  
rarely  
forbid  
logical  
exhibit  
proceed  
precaution  
extract  
prior  
embrace  
valiant  
partial

"In words as fashions the same rule will hold,  
Alike fantastic if too new or old;  
Be not the first by whom the new are tried,  
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

—Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism*

1. **reptile** (rep' təl) a cold blooded animal that creeps or crawls; snakes, lizards, turtles, alligators, and crocodiles
  - a. The lizard is a **reptile** with a very slender\* body.
  - b. **Reptiles** are kept in the museum's large hall.
  - c. A crocodile is a **reptile** that is more nimble\* in the water than out of it.
2. **rarely** (rār' lē) seldom; not often
  - a. You **rarely** hear adults raving\* about a movie they just saw.
  - b. People are **rarely** frank\* with each other.
  - c. I **rarely** attend the annual\* meetings of our family circle.
3. **forbid** (fər bid') order someone not to do something; make a rule against
  - a. Spitting on the floor is **forbidden** in public places.
  - b. The law **forbids** drunken drivers to handle their autos.
  - c. I **forbid** you to enter the dense\* jungle because of the peril\* that awaits you there.
4. **logical** (loj' ə kəl) reasonable; reasonably expected
  - a. It is **logical** to spend a minimum\* on needless things.
  - b. In order to keep your car running well, it is only **logical** that you lubricate\* it regularly.
  - c. I used a **logical** argument to persuade\* Lester to leave.
5. **exhibit** (eg zib' it) display; show
  - a. A million-dollar microscope\* is now on **exhibit** at our school.
  - b. The bride and groom **exhibited** their many expensive\* gifts.
  - c. Kim frequently\* **exhibited** her vast knowledge\* of baseball before complete strangers.
6. **proceed** (prə sēd') go on after having stopped; move forward
  - a. Only those with special cards can **proceed** into the pool area.
  - b. When the actor was late, the show **proceeded** without him.
  - c. The senator **proceeded** to denounce\* those wholesalers\* who would deprive\* Americans of their quota\* of beef.
7. **precaution** (prə kô' shən) measures taken beforehand; foresight
  - a. Detectives used **precaution** before entering the bomb's vicinity.\*
  - b. We must take every **precaution** not to pollute\* the air.
  - c. Before igniting\* the fire, the hunters took unusual **precaution**.
8. **extract** (eks trakt') pull out or draw out, usually with some effort
  - a. Dr. Fogel **extracted** my tooth in an amateur\* fashion.
  - b. Chemists **extracted** the essential\* vitamins from the grain.
  - c. Spencer was ingenious\* in **extracting** information from witnesses.
9. **prior** (pri' er) coming before; earlier
  - a. **Prior** to choosing his life's vocation,\* Paul traveled to India.
  - b. Myrna was unhappy **prior** to meeting her beau.
  - c. Samson had been a strong man **prior** to having his hair cut.
10. **embrace** (em brās') hug one another; a hug
  - a. After having been rivals\* for years, the two men **embraced**.
  - b. When Ellen's spouse\* approached,\* she slipped out of Doug's **embrace**.
  - c. The young girl was bewildered\* when the stranger **embraced** her.
11. **valiant** (val' yənt) brave; courageous
  - a. Robin Hood was **valiant** and faced his opponents\* without fear.
  - b. The **valiant** paratroopers led the invasion.

- c. Grandma Joad had the ability\* to be **valiant** when the need arose.
12. **partial** (pär' shəl) not complete; not total
- We made a **partial** listing of the urgently\* needed supplies.
  - Macy's had a sale on a **partial** selection of its winter clothes.
  - Using only a **partial** amount of his great speed, Jim Ryun surpassed\* all the other runners.

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

### Handling Poisonous Snakes

How do the Indian snake charmers handle those live poisonous **reptiles** without being poisoned? Visitors to the Hopi Indians **rarely** leave the reservation without asking. Because Indians **forbid** any white person from taking part in such a ceremony, scientists could come to one **logical** answer: before the Indians **exhibit** the snakes, they **proceed** to remove the fangs. Yet some scientists

verify\* the fact that all the snakes have fangs. They have a different theory.\* The Indians take an important **precaution**: they **extract** most of the poison **prior** to the snake dance. Now the Indian can **embrace** the snake without being poisoned. He will appear **valiant** because he knows that the snake has only a **partial** supply of its deadly poison.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?

